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(57) Abstract: This invention provides reagents and methods for detecting the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS CoV). This invention also provides related compositions, kits, systems, and computers.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-32 (all partially)

Oligonucleotide consisting of SEQ ID NO: n, or comprising a nucleic acid having at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: n or a complement thereof, and having a length of 100 or fewer nucleotides, method of detecting a severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) coronavirus in a sample comprising contacting nucleic acids from the sample with at least one primer comprising SEQ ID NO: n, method of determining a presence of a SARS coronavirus in a sample comprising contacting nucleic acids and/or amplicons thereof with at least one oligonucleotide that comprise SEQ ID NO: n or a variant having at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: n or a complement thereof, composition, kit and system for detecting a SARS coronavirus comprising at least one oligonucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: n or a variant having at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: n or a complement thereof, and system comprising a computer or computer readable medium comprising a data set corresponding to SEQ ID NO: n or a variant having at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: n or a complement thereof, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 1.

2. claims: 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 2.

3. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 3.

4. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 4.

5. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 5.

6. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 6.

7. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 7.

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8. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 8.

9. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 9.

10. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 10.

11. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 11 or
SEQ ID NO: 23.

12. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 12.

13. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 15.

14. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 16.

15. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 17.

16. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 18.

17. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 19.

18. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

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as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 20.

19. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 21.

20. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 22.

21. claims: claims 1-32 (all partially)

as for invention 1, wherein SEQ ID NO: n is SEQ ID NO: 24.

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